

ST MARY'S CHURCH HARVINGTON, DY10 4LR



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MASSES THIS WEEK (with YEAR B Readings)

Sunday 10 March **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*
10.30am Mass Intention for: *Blackman Family*

Monday 11 March **Lent Feria**
NO MASS TODAY

Tuesday 12 March **Lent Feria** - Dementia Prayer Week
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

Wednesday 13 March **Lent Feria** - Dementia Prayer Week
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
10.30am # Discussion Group in the stable

Thursday 14 March **Lent Feria** - Dementia Prayer Week
11.00am Mass intention for: *Michael Bianco R.I.P.*

Friday 15 March **Lent Feria** - Dementia Prayer Week
11.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*
Followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 1.00pm.

Saturday 16 March **Lent Feria** - Dementia Prayer Week
10.00am Mass intention for: *Private Intention*

The **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)** is available in church following this Mass and by appointment at other times.

Sunday 17 March **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments
Dementia Prayer Week
8.30am Mass intention for: *People of The Parish*
10.30am Mass Intention for: *Private Intention*

Every **Wednesday after the 10 o'clock Mass**, you are all warmly invited to a friendly group meeting, lead by Fr John to do as Pope Francis suggests and consider the basics of prayer and praying.

Anniversaries in March: Rev John Marsden (1824), Ann Parkes (1863), Joseph Chare (1865), Rev John Brownlow (1888), Philip Alfred Haskew (1897), William Benedick Oakley (1908), Henry Mercer (1974), Anna Newton Keenan (1992), Ernest Godwin (1993), Ann Kiley (2004), Martin Amphlett (2013), Geraldine Pritchard (2017), Aubrey Campbell (2018), Tom Wilcox (2018), Anthony Francis-Flores (2018), Vincent Glynn (2019), Michael Bianco (2019), Tony Davenhill (2022), Jane Young (2022)

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of

Paul Morrison who died on Sunday 11th February.

Annick Harvey who died on Tuesday 13th February.

Karen Wright who died on Saturday 24th February.

Jeanne Round who died on Thursday 29th February.

May they Rest In Peace.

- ◇ Paul's Requiem Mass will take place at St Ambrose Church at 12 noon on Friday 15th March followed by his committal in the graveyard at St Mary's.
- ◇ Fr John will preside at Annick's cremation ceremony at Waseley Hills Crematorium Chapel at 3.00pm on Friday 15th March.
Fr John will say Mass at St Mary's for the repose of Annick's soul at a later date.
- ◇ Karen's Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary's at 10.00am on Tuesday 26th March followed by her committal in the graveyard at St Mary's.

In your prayers please remember those who are sick and asked for our prayers:

Deirdre Brookes, Stephen Brown, Beth Downing, Norma Fox, Shirley Grant, Peter Handley, Elizabeth Howell, Angela MacGarrow, Ann Murphy, John & Ellen Mottram, Patricia Newton, Kevin O'Connor, Ann Parry, Anne Sharples.

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... for all your offerings and donations.

Contributions to the Parish: 25 February - 3 March:

Regular, weekly Gift Aid Direct Debit:	£316.00
Gift Aid Envelopes:	£ 90.00
Loose cash:	£ 249.90
Second collection for Cathedral Maintenance Fund:	£ 282.03

Direct Debit, gift aid forms are available from the folder on the notice board in the church porch. Please complete and either hand to Fr John or post through his house letterbox.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MONEY OR ENVELOPES CONTAINING MONEY IN THE PORCH.

If you wish to make a donation when Mass is not taking place and the church is otherwise empty, please post your offering (in an envelope) in the letterbox in the door of the Priest's House.

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Valerie Nolan**. She can be contacted at:

sg.stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on: 0121 2306240 / **safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concern.

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: Peter Boszko - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

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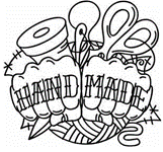
PARISH SECRETARY (Admin): Maggie Skinner - stmary.harvington@rcaob.org.uk

The emergency exit from the church is via the sacristy and through the house.



The **HARVINGTON BOOK GROUP** will meet on **Monday 11 March** at **9.30 am the Stable**, to discuss *Shakespeare: The Man who Pays the Rent* by Judi Dench. Do come along, even if you haven't read the book.

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The **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will meet at **1.30 pm on Wednesday 13 March** in **Rowberry's Tea Tooms, Chaddesley Corbett**. Businesses in and around Chaddesley have been suffering from low customer numbers recently whilst part of the A448 near the village has been closed. Rowberry's and other local businesses appreciate our support at this difficult time.

Don't forget ... the Craft Group will be selling their hand crafted goods **in the Stable after both Masses** on **Sunday 24th March**. An ideal opportunity to buy presents or to treat yourself!

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**HARVINGTON
HALL**

HARVINGTON HALL are appealing for volunteers. Visit the Hall on **Sat 16th March any time from 1-4 pm** to find out more about the different roles from gardening to working in the shop, archiving or being a guide. There are also opportunities to help out as a steward during the History Festival July 2024.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION

Children who will be **8 years old by June this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to take the **sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**. The children will receive each of the sacraments for the first time on the weekend of 1st & 2nd of June this year. #

Children who will be **11 years old by September this year, who regularly attend Mass at St Mary's and do not go to a Catholic School**, are eligible to be prepared by a parish catechist to receive the **sacrament of Confirmation**.

Parents or guardians of these children are invited to complete a relevant form, available from the table in the porch. As the forms will give personal details about children please post these in the labelled, secure, slotted box on the same table. #To allow sufficient time for preparation, #applications must be received by Easter Sunday.



DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK

runs annually from 12 -19 March with the aim to raise awareness and a deeper understanding of the spiritual needs of people living with dementia.

Dementia Prayer Week, previously run by the Pastoral Care Project, now features under Redemptorist Publications pastoral outreach initiative.

Redemptorist Publications, a Christian publisher and registered charity, help translate the Gospel into human words, relevant to daily life and to aid the Christian community on its journey towards God. Part of this mission includes a pastoral outreach series which tackles many trials that one may face in life.

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/dementia-prayer-week>

Dementia is a degenerative disease which tends to isolate both the sufferer and the families that surround them. Confronted with this condition we naturally feel inadequate. Prayer is one very powerful way of connecting with all concerned. Let this Dementia Prayer Week become your link to the many families struggling with dementia.

The Father's Love

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

John:15 v 9

Lord, thank you for your presence this moment, holding us in your love.

Help us to share your love with those who live among us with dementia, that we may see your beauty in them.

Amen